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1. The reply filed on January 22, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has not responded to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 26, 2003. Applicant must elect between the product and process of using, even if the requirement is traversed. Applicant has not elected and applicant has not provided any reasons why the alternate use provided by the examiner cannot be accomplished. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

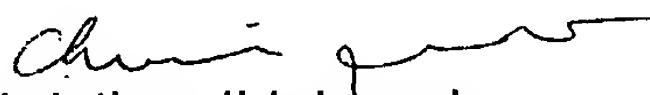
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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christina Ildebrando whose telephone number is (571) 272-1176. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30-5, with Alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-1171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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